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Gardner Invites Citizens to Create a Vision for Frederick County's Future

Launches community-based survey through Livable Frederick . . .

FREDERICK, MD – Executive Jan Gardner invites residents to create a community-based vision for Frederick County through an innovative public outreach plan she announced today. Her long-range comprehensive planning process called <u>Livable Frederick</u> will gather public input through a survey and public presentations with a "vision book" to help shape the future of the county.

"I'm excited to launch this unique community outreach plan to create a vision to guide us in moving forward," said Executive Gardner. "We're taking Livable Frederick throughout the community utilizing the latest technologies and we encourage everyone to participate."

There are many ways to take part in the vision survey, whether on paper, computer or mobile device from home, a local library or other locations. The survey will be available at www.LivableFrederick.org from May 16 through September 16. Then, the committee will draft a vision for further public review in November.

The shared community vision will represent the county's collective dreams, aspirations and values. Major issues will be addressed such as schools, workforce housing, a rapidly growing senior population, transportation systems, active and healthy communities, water and sewer for residential housing developments, preserving agricultural lands and much more.

Last fall, Executive Gardner announced the Livable Frederick initiative and appointed a steering committee to develop a process for a community-based county comprehensive plan. The committee has examined trends and issues that affect the quality of life and economic resilience of Frederick County. The next step is to invite every citizen, business and organization in the county to weigh in on how they envision Frederick in 30 years and beyond.

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